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An Act To Ensure That Maine Residents Have Reliable Winter Heating Assistance

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

MAINE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Low Income Home Energy Assistance - MSHA 0708

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to the Maine State Housing Authority for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to provide necessary heating assistance funding for Maine residents in a timely manner. Funding received from the Federal Government for LIHEAP must be used to offset the General Fund appropriation.

| GENERAL FUND | 2007-08 | 2008-09 |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
| All Other | \$17,000,000 | \$17,000,000 |
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| GENERAL FUND TOTAL | \$17,000,000 | \$17,000,000 |

SUMMARY

This bill makes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$17,000,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2007-08 to the Maine State Housing Authority for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to provide necessary heating assistance funding for Maine residents in a timely manner. Funding received from the Federal Government for LIHEAP must be used to offset the General Fund appropriation.